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SUBJ: YEMENI-IRANIAN RELATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT IRYANI WILL VISIT IRAN IN NEAR FUTURE. IRAN HAS ACCEPTED 95 YEMENI OFFICERS FOR TRAINING AND IS SENDING 20 YEMENIS TO IRAN FOR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR EXPECTS YEMEN WILL BE ONE OF STATES TO BENEFIT FROM INCREASED IRANIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. I CALLED ON IRANIAN AMBASSADOR DR. HOSSEIN SABETI MARCH 10 TO DISCUSS YEMENI-IRANIAN RELATIONS. HE CONFIRMED REPORT THAT PRESIDENT IRANI HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM SHAH TO VISIT IRAN. DATE HAD NOT YET BEEN SET AS IRYANI WISHES TO COMBINE VISIT WITH OFFICIAL TRIP TO ABU DHABI, RETURNING SHAIKH ZAYID'S 1972 VISIT TO YAR. AS SOON AS DATE AGREED WITH ABU DHABI, DATE FOR TRIP TO IRAN WILL BE FIXED. AMBASSADOR EXPECTS IT TO BE IN NEAR FUTURE.

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3. AMBASSADOR SABETI ALSO CONFIRMED DEPARTURE THREE WEEKS AGO OF 95 YAR OFFICERS OF ALL THREE SERVICES (INCLUDING 4 PILOTS) FOR MILITARY TRAINING IN IRAN. IRAN HAD OFFERED 98 PLACES BUT THREE OFFICERS HAD SAILED TO SHOW UP FOR TWO AIRCRAFT SENT FROM IRAN TO TRANSPORT THEM.

4. IRAN HAS ALSO OFFERED TWENTY UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS TO YEMEN AND CANDIDATES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SELECTED.

5. AMBASSADOR SABETI COMMENTED THAT HE FELT SURE YAR WOULD BE ONE OF STATES TO BENEFIT FROM INCREASED IRANIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

ALTHOUGH IT STILL LOOKED TO SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, AND ABU DHABI TO TAKE LEAD IN AIDING YAR.
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